

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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## ALTSA: AFH #2020-040 INFECTION PREVENTION TRAINING FOR ADULT FAMILY HOME PROVIDERS

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

This letter has been updated with a new link to the training invitation, which will now allow interested participants to sign up for all the scheduled trainings.

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services recognizes the unprecedented challenges faced by adult family homes during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to support your efforts to prevent and manage COVID-19 outbreaks within your homes, we are excited to announce a new infection prevention training and consultation collaborative available to licensed adult family home providers and their staff free of charge through Comagine Health.

This initiative will provide infection prevention education and the opportunity to receive personalized consultation from infection prevention experts and nursing professionals. Biweekly virtual sessions will begin September 2, 2020, and continue through December.

Comagine Health is a non-profit healthcare consulting company and the Medicare Quality Innovation Network, Quality Improvement Organization serving Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Oregon, and Washington. For more than 20 years they have worked with healthcare organizations on quality improvement and patient safety initiatives.

Please see the updated invitation <u>here</u> for more information and to sign up for the trainings. We encourage all Washington adult family homes to take advantage of the resources and supports through this collaborative.

For questions about this project, please contact Libby Wagner, Adult Family Home Policy Program Manager, at (253) 234-6061 or <a href="mailto:libby.wagner@dshs.wa.gov">libby.wagner@dshs.wa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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